



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
 United States Patent and Trademark Office
 Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

| APPLICATION NUMBER | FILING OR 371 (c) DATE | FIRST NAMED APPLICANT | ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 10/798,604 | 03/12/2004 | Paul Febvre | 1487.0150001 |

26111
 STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX PLLC
 1100 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W.
 WASHINGTON, DC 20005



CONFIRMATION NO. 6207
FORMALITIES LETTER



OC000000012810900

Date Mailed: 05/28/2004

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:
David Denis Mudge
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

Abeba Belony

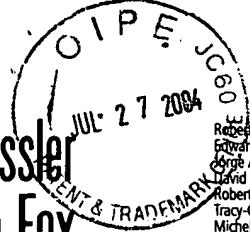
Customer Service Center

Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE



ATTORNEYS AT LAW



Robert Greene Sterne
Edward J. Kessler
George A. Goldstein
David K.S. Cornwell
Robert W. Esmond
Tracy-Gene G. Durkin
Michael A. Cimbala
Michael B. Ray
Robert E. Sokohl
Eric K. Steffe
Michael Q. Lee
Steven R. Ludwig
John M. Covert
Linda E. Alcorn
Robert C. Millonig
Lawrence B. Bugalsky
Donald J. Featherstone
Michael V. Messinger

Judith U. Kim
Timothy J. Shea, Jr.
Patrick E. Garrett
Jeffrey T. Helvey
Heidi L. Kraus
Albert L. Ferro*
Donald R. Banowitz
Peter A. Jackman
Teresa U. Medler
Jeffrey S. Weaver
Kendrick P. Patterson
Vincent L. Capuano
Eldora Ellison Floyd
Thomas C. Fiala
Brian J. Del Burno
Virgil Lee Beaston
Theodore A. Wood
Elizabeth J. Haanes

Joseph S. Ostroff
Frank R. Cottingham
Christine M. Lhuier
Rae Lynn Prengaman
George S. Bardmesser
Daniel A. Klein*
Jason D. Eisenberg
Michael D. Specht
Andrea J. Kamage
Tracy L. Muller*
LuAnne M. DeSantis
Ann E. Summerfield
Tiera S. Coston
Aric W. Ledford*
Helene C. Carlson
Timothy A. Doyle*
Jessica L. Parezo
Gaby L. Longsworth*

Lori A. Gordon*
Nicole D. Dretar*
Ted J. Ebersole
Jyoti C. Iyer*
Laura A. Vogel
Registered Patent Agents*
Karen R. Markowicz
Nancy J. Leith
Matthew J. Dowd
Aaron L. Schwartz
Katrina Yujian Pei Quach
Bryan L. Skelton
Robert A. Schwartzman
Teresa A. Colella
Jeffrey S. Lundgren
Victoria S. Rutherford
Michelle K. Holoubek

Robert H. DeSelms
Simon J. Elliott
Julie A. Heider
Mita Mukherjee
Scott M. Woodhouse
Michael G. Penn
Christopher J. Walsh

Of Counsel
Kenneth C. Bass III
Evan R. Smith
Marvin C. Guthrie

*Admitted only in Maryland
*Admitted only in Virginia
*Practice Limited to Federal Agencies

July 27, 2004

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER:
(202) 772-8550

INTERNET ADDRESS:
EKESSLER@SKGF.COM

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Mail Stop Missing Parts

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/798,604; Filed: March 12, 2004
For: **Method and Apparatus for Controlling Transmissions in Communications Systems**
Inventors: FEBVRE *et al.*
Our Ref: 1487.0150001

Sir:

In reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted," dated May 28, 2004, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application, dated May 28, 2004;
2. Copy of Decision According Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a) issued in Application No. 09/440,468, dated April 13, 2001;
3. Copy of PTO Date Stamped Receipt Postcard for filing present application dated March 12, 2004; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

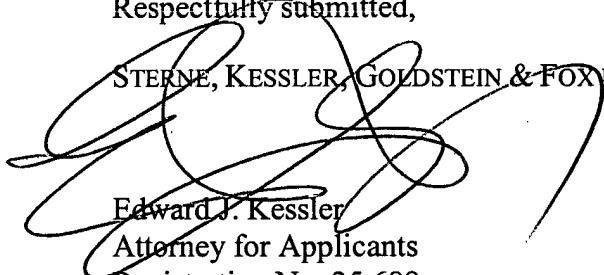
The present application is a continuation of prior U.S. Patent Application No. 09/440,468, which was accorded status under 37. C.F.R. § 1.47. A copy of the decision according status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 was provided upon filing of the present application in lieu of the signed declaration of inventor David Denis Mudge. (A copy of the date-stamped

Commissioner for Patents
July 27, 2004
Page 2

postcard indicating submission of the decision along with the filing of the present application is provided herewith). Consequently, the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) should not have issued a "Notice to File Missing Parts" in the present application, but instead should have accorded the present application status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47. See M.P.E.P. § 602.05(a). For this reason, Applicants have not included the \$130 surcharge for a late oath or declaration.

Nevertheless, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,


STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Edward J. Kessler
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 25,688

EJK/LAG/lam
Enclosures

292263_1.DOC

Applicants: Febvre et al.

Due Date: NONE
Art Unit: To Be Assigned
Examiner: To Be Assigned
Docket: 1487.0150001

Application No.: To Be Assigned (Divisional of Appl. No. 09/440,468;
Filed: November 15, 1999)

Filed: Herewith

Atty: EJK/LAG

For: Method and Apparatus for Controlling Transmissions in
Communications Systems (As Amended)

When receipt stamp is placed hereon, the USPTO acknowledges receipt of the following documents:

1. SKGF Cover Letter;
2. Form PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$896.00 to cover:
\$770.00 Filing Fee for Patent Application; \$86.00 Excess Claim Fee; and \$40.00 Assignment Recordation Fee;
3. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
4. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
5. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled: **Communication Methods and Apparatus**, and naming as inventors: Paul Febvre and David Denis Mudge, the application consisting of: a. An Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76); b. A copy of the executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, as originally filed in U.S. Appl. No. 09/440,468; c. A copy of the decision granting a petition to accord § 1.47 status to Appl. No. 09/440,468; d. A specification containing: i. 23 pages of description prior to the claims; ii. 4 pages of claims (25 claims); iii. a one (1) page abstract; e. 10 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-2, 3, 4, 5a-5b, 5c-5d, 6a-6b, 7, 8a, 8b, 9-10);
6. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
7. Recordation Cover Sheet (PTO/1595);
8. A copy of Assignment to Inmarsat Ltd., executed by Paul Febvre, as originally filed in U.S. Appl. No. 09/440,468;
9. A copy of Assignment to Inmarsat Limited., executed by David Denis Mudge, as originally filed in U.S. Appl. No. 09/440,468;
10. A copy of Claim to Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d); filed in U.S. Appl. 09/440,468;
11. A certified copy of United Kingdom Patent Application No. 9905181.5, filed March 5, 1999, priority of which is hereby claimed;
12. A Preliminary Amendment;
13. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
14. 10 sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-2, 3, 4, 5a-5b, 5c-5d, 6a-6b, 7, 8a, 8b, 9-10);
15. An Information Disclosure Statement;
16. Form PTO-1449 (4 sheets citing 33 documents); and
17. Two (2) return postcards.

Mail Stop: Patent Application
For Advance Notification of Application Number

Applicants: Febvre et al.

Due Date: NONE
Art Unit: To Be Assigned
Examiner: To Be Assigned
Docket: 1487.0150001

Application No.: To Be Assigned (Divisional of Appl. No. 09/440,468;
Filed: November 15, 1999)

Filed: Herewith

Atty: EJK/LAG

For: Method and Apparatus for Controlling Transmissions in
Communications Systems (As Amended)

When receipt stamp is placed hereon, the USPTO acknowledges receipt of the following documents:

1. SKGF Cover Letter;
2. Form PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$896.00 to cover:
\$770.00 Filing Fee for Patent Application; \$86.00 Excess Claim Fee; and \$40.00 Assignment Recordation Fee;
3. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
4. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
5. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled: **Communication Methods and Apparatus**, and naming as inventors: Paul Febvre and David Denis Mudge, the application consisting of: a. An Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76); b. A copy of the executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, as originally filed in U.S. Appl. No. 09/440,468; c. A copy of the decision granting a petition to accord § 1.47 status to Appl. No. 09/440,468; d. A specification containing: i. 23 pages of description prior to the claims; ii. 4 pages of claims (25 claims); iii. a one (1) page abstract; e. 10 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-2, 3, 4, 5a-5b, 5c-5d, 6a-6b, 7, 8a, 8b, 9-10);
6. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
7. Recordation Cover Sheet (PTO/1595);
8. A copy of Assignment to Inmarsat Ltd., executed by Paul Febvre, as originally filed in U.S. Appl. No. 09/440,468;
9. A copy of Assignment to Inmarsat Limited., executed by David Denis Mudge, as originally filed in U.S. Appl. No. 09/440,468;
10. A copy of Claim to Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d); filed in U.S. Appl. 09/440,468;
11. A certified copy of United Kingdom Patent Application No. 9905181.5, filed March 5, 1999, priority of which is hereby claimed;
12. A Preliminary Amendment;
13. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
14. 10 sheets of formal drawings (Figures 1-2, 3, 4, 5a-5b, 5c-5d, 6a-6b, 7, 8a, 8b, 9-10);
15. An Information Disclosure Statement;
16. Form PTO-1449 (4 sheets citing 33 documents); and
17. Two (2) return postcards.

17510 U.S. PTO
10/798604



031204

Mail Stop: Patent Application
For Advance Notification of Application Number